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**From:** Pollins, Mark [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=591F52A6CC074A2394FB5DDC306C2FD7-MPOLLINS]  
**Sent:** 4/23/2021 11:13:35 PM  
**To:** Libertz, Catherine [Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov]; Wall, Tom [Wall.Tom@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Goodin, John [Goodin.John@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]; Egan, Patrick [egan.patrick@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Citizen call re: outstanding concerns: Wash Post story, "A poultry plant, years of groundwater contamination and, finally, a court settlement"

Don't worry. Rick and I are already talking.

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**From:** Libertz, Catherine <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 6:34 PM  
**To:** Wall, Tom <Wall.Tom@epa.gov>; Pollins, Mark <Pollins.Mark@epa.gov>  
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Hi, Tom.

Since the realignment removed all enforcement and compliance activities from their related program Divisions, I no longer have those programs in my Division. I will make sure my counterpart in Region 3 ECAD is aware.

Thanks,  
Cathy

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**From:** Wall, Tom <Wall.Tom@epa.gov>  
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Hi Mark, it's not a reporter it's someone in the community who, while benefiting from the settlement, believes there are many other issues with improper disposal of wastewaters into pits dug into sandy soils (uncertain if connections to ditches to streams) and waste piles. - TomW

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**From:** Pollins, Mark <Pollins.Mark@epa.gov>  
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Tom, thanks for the tip. I received a garbled VM message yesterday from someone who referenced you. (Couldn't make out the name.) I'm guessing it's from the same reporter.

By way of this email, I'm copying our press guys. I'm sure they will want to coordinate with region 3 press before we make any statements. My guess is there could already be a desk statement. If the reporter contacted region 3 staff, it would not surprise me if they are discussing this matter with their management/press people.

Mark

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**From:** Wall, Tom <[Wall.Tom@epa.gov](mailto:Wall.Tom@epa.gov)>

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Link to story below.

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) who originally called me the day before this story ran, called back yesterday, saying he can't get EPA to respond to what he asserts are additional, outstanding issues. (I had given him the name and phone numbers for the R3 branch chiefs for waste and water enforcement.)

I couldn't talk to him yesterday but I'm going to talk to him this afternoon, happy for someone from OECA or R3 join to call, or happy to give him a contact name for someone in the enforcement line of business whom we can speak to.

Don't want to get out of my lane but also don't want to refuse to take a call from the concerned public.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2021/04/13/poultry-plant-years-groundwater-contamination-finally-court-settlement/>

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